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Unsettled weather continues

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The forecast remains unsettled into next week, with spells of rain and strong winds expected to bring impacts to parts of the country.

Severe weather warnings for rain are in place for parts of Scotland, Northern Ireland and northern England tomorrow (Friday), with further severe warnings in place for parts of the UK on Saturday and early next week.

Dan Suri is a chief forecaster at the Met Office. He said: “With further rain in the forecast over the coming days and the potential for another deep low-pressure system early next week, additional rainfall could create further challenges as river catchments are more likely to respond to extra rainfall more quickly. Flooding, especially in areas already heavily affected, remains a possibility.”

Flood warnings and flood alerts remain in place in parts of Wales and across England, with Natural Resources Wales and the Environment Agency urging people to check their flood risk and remain prepared to take action as the situation changes.

Scott Squires, Duty Tactical Manager for Natural Resources Wales said: "As the flood waters recede and communities start to get back on their feet, we’ll continue to support local authorities and emergency service in these affected areas. Over the coming days our teams will be checking for any signs of damage to our flood defences, and removing blockages and debris which has built up in culverts and drainage grids etc.”

The weather will remain unsettled this weekend, with a wind warning in place for Scotland, Northern Ireland and northern England on Saturday, where blustery showers of rain, hail and sleet are expected. Sunday will be less windy, with sunny spells across northern parts of the UK and cloudier with patchy rain elsewhere.

Commenting on the weather forecast for next week, Deputy Chief Meteorologist at the Met Office, Chris Bulmer, said: “We’re keeping a close eye on the potential for a deep low pressure to track close to the UK early next week, which could bring a spell of wet and windy weather, with hill snow to northern parts of the UK.”

With the ground already saturated there is a chance of further flooding, members of the public should check their flood risk and stay up to date with flood warnings from Natural Resources Wales, SEPA, NI Direct and the Environment Agency.

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